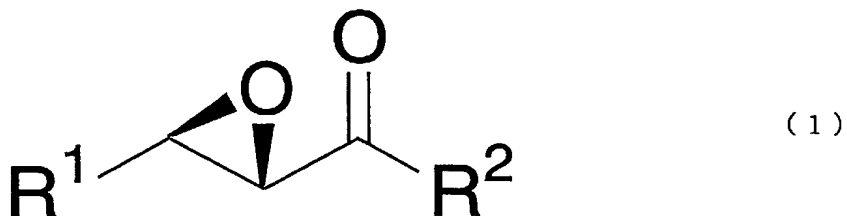


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optically active epoxyenone derivative of the following formula (1):



- 5 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a methyl group, an ethyl group or a C<sub>3-10</sub> branched, linear or cyclic alkyl group, and R<sup>2</sup> is a phenyl group, a substituted phenyl group or a tert-butyl group.